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RHODE ISLAND JOBS DECREASE TO 445,600 IN FEBRUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island fell by 1,100 jobs in February, as seasonal decreases in the Non-manufacturing sector more than offset gains in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 445,600 in February. Although this figure represents a monthly decline of 1,100 it is 7,300 above the year ago level of 438,300.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory jobs in Rhode Island advanced by 1,100 in February to 115,100. However; the current figure reflects a decrease of 1,400 from the total of 116,500 reported in February 1987. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment level of 79,500 was up 1,100 from the previous month, but decreased 900 from the figure recorded a year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 35,600 was unchanged from the January level, but was down 500 compared to February 1987.

Within the Durable Goods sector, sizeable monthly job gains were registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+900) and Primary Metals (+500, due to the settlement of a labor dispute), followed by an increase of 100 in Transportation Equipment. At the same time, decreases of 100 each occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their January employment levels. Compared to a year ago, workforce expansion was evident in Nonelectrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware (+100 each). Annual

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a lifetime - for a lifetime of success!

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people into summer jobs. Again in 1988 the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program allows you to give youngsters an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 85% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee for a maximum credit of $2,550.

To be eligible for the Tax credit, the young person you hire must be:

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* Employed a minimum of 14 days or 20 hours

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List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office of the Job Service listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Total Placements	612	442	780
New Applications	2,522	2,443	2,171
New Openings Rec'd.	1,261	1,216	1,544

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	% Change Jan. 1988
Initial Claims	7,520	9,808	+ 23.3
No. of Payments	57,670	52,002	+ 10.9
Amt. of Payments	$ 9,482,055	$ 8,181,167	+ 15.9
Exhaustions	764	641	+ 19.2

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Initial Claim	3,823	3,636	3,490
No. of Payments	27,649	21,568	23,801
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,529,850	$ 3,525,075	$ 3,651,452

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	518.5	520.4	506.2
Unemployment	22.5	20.7	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.0	4.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.5	3.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	339.9	343.2	331.8
Unemployment	13.0	11.6	13.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.4	4.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	167.7	168.3	165.2
Unemployment	8.0	6.8	8.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.0	5.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	34,970	35,025	33,870
Unemployment	1,330	1,060	1,330
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.0	3.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	15,519	100.0
Men	10,724	69.1
Under 45	7,647	71.3
45 and over	3,077	28.7
Women	4,795	30.9
Under 45	2,927	61.0
45 and Over	1,868	39.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,526	29.2
Manufacturing	4,272	27.5
Public Utilities	642	4.1
Wholesale and Retail	1,867	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	583	3.8
Service	1,479	9.5
All Other	2,150	13.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,762	11.4
Clerical and Sales	2,226	14.3
Service	851	5.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	717	4.6
Processing	343	2.2
Machine Trades	1,270	8.2
Bench Work	1,463	9.4
Structural Work	4,585	29.6
Miscellaneous	1,569	10.1
INA	733	4.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	445.6	446.7	438.3	- 1,100	+ 7,300
MANUFACTURING	115.1	114.0	116.5	+ 1,100	- 1,400
NONMANUFACTURING	330.5	332.7	321.8	- 2,200	+ 8,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.0	17.8	15.9	- 800	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.5	14.6	- 200	+ 700
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	101.6	103.1	99.0	- 1,500	+ 2,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.4	25.0	-	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	112.1	112.0	109.1	+ 100	+ 3,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.1	58.9	58.2	+ 200	+ 900

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1987 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.1	114.0	116.5	+1100	- 1400	332.73	318.38	39.8	39.6	8.36	8.04
DURABLE GOODS	79.5	78.4	80.4	+1100	- 900	329.08	313.63	39.6	39.5	8.31	7.94
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	2.9	3.0	-	- 100	409.70	379.91	41.3	40.4	9.92	9.28
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 100	-	423.91	406.14	40.8	40.9	10.39	9.93
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	4.7*	5.3	+ 500	- 100	405.96	393.90	42.2	42.4	9.62	9.29
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.8	9.0	- 100	- 300	318.00	296.16	39.9	39.7	7.97	7.46
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.0*	-	+ 100	448.67	420.58	43.1	41.6	10.41	10.11
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.8	12.0	- 100	- 300	307.09	287.20	40.3	40.0	7.62	7.18
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.2	9.4	+ 100	- 100	459.50	425.49	41.1	40.6	11.18	10.48
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.8*	-	-	334.14	331.17	40.6	41.5	8.23	7.98
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.4	22.5	23.3	+ 900	+ 100	257.57	247.30	38.5	38.4	6.69	6.44
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.9	6.0	- 100	- 200	241.37	242.56	33.9	34.9	7.12	6.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	35.6	36.1	-	- 500	340.09	327.13	40.2	39.7	8.46	8.24
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.0	-	+ 100	306.38	277.11	37.5	37.6	8.17	7.37
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.2	-	- 200	307.44	294.40	40.4	40.0	7.61	7.36
APPAREL	2.7	2.8	2.9	- 100	- 200	296.65	284.18	42.5	42.1	6.98	6.75
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	314.42	295.92	41.1	41.1	7.65	7.20
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.8	-	-	431.89	411.44	37.2	37.0	11.61	11.12
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	3.1	-	- 200	447.86	420.43	41.7	40.7	10.74	10.33
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 100	- 100	362.44	341.54	41.9	41.6	8.65	8.21
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.5	-	+ 200	359.54	336.20	42.2	41.1	8.52	8.18
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.0	2.1	-	- 100	233.17	234.02	38.1	39.8	6.12	5.88

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decreases occurred in Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery (-300 each). In addition, employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment dropped by 200, while downturns of 100 each were posted in Lumber/ Furniture, Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment for the twelve month period. Payroll levels in Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments were unchanged from February 1987.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly increase of 100 in Rubber Products was offset by a downturn of 100 in Apparel. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from the previous month. On an annual comparison, employment upturns were evident in Plastics Products (+200) and Food-Beverage (+100). Contrary to this, annual declines of 200 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel and Chemical Products. Also posting decreases for the twelve month period were Rubber Products and Leather Products (-100 each). Employment levels in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing remained at their year earlier totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanfacturing sector declined by 2,200 in the January-February period, mainly due to continued seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Construction. Nevertheless, the February employment total of 330,500 was 8,700 nigher than the year earlier level of 321,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected additional seasonal decreases as it fell 1,500 from the prior month. However, the current job total of 101,600 represents an annual increase of 2,600. Similarly, jobs in Contract Construction dropped by 800 for the month to a level of 17,000, but were up 1,100 compared to a year ago. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,300, posted a monthly downturn of 200, while payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, were unchanged. On an annual basis, the former category was up 700 jobs and the latter advanced by 400. Total Government employment, at 59,100, rose 200 for the month and 900 compared to February 1987. Employment in Services advanced 100 from last month to the current figure of 112,100, which was 3,000 above the level recorded a year earlier.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased by 4 cents to $8.36 in mid-February, but were up 32 cents compared to a year earlier. The average work decreased by 0.3 of an hour in February to 39.8 hours, but this was 0.2 of an hour more than the figure reported in February 1987. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $332.73 in February. Although this represents a decline of $4.11 from last month, it is $14.35 higher than the total recorded a year ago.

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